

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 15 April 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Gary J. Gaube			X
Maria R. Gil		X	
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN			X
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas			X
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of 28 January 2010 Project Review Committee-II meeting were adopted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Graziano, Orgel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **C.P. Atlas Holdings, Inc.** [Centerbridge Capital Partners, LP.] for change in effective control of nine Outpatient Kidney Treatment Centers owned by American Renal Holdings, Inc.: ARA-Pawtucket Dialysis, LLC, ARA-Tiverton Dialysis, LLC, ARA-Providence Dialysis, LLC, ARA-East Providence Dialysis, LLC,

ARA-Johnston Dialysis, LLC, Dialysis Center of Wakefield, LLC, Dialysis Center of Westerly, LLC, Dialysis Center of Woonsocket, LLC, and Dialysis Center of West Warwick, LLC

The applicant agreed to all the standard conditions of approval and further that a notice be provided to the Department of Health of any replacements of the Medical Director and/or lead nurses at each of the facilities.

A motion was made by Sen. Graziano, seconded and passed by a vote of four in favor, none opposed and two recusals (4-0-2) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Graziano, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Those members recusing were: Almeida, Dowling.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Rhode Island Hospital** [Lifespan Corporation] for change in effective control of Wayland Square Surgicare Acquisition, LP d/b/a Wayland Square Surgicare located at 17 Seekonk Street in Providence.

The applicant discussed the reasons for the proposal. It was noted that reimbursement rates for surgeries at the facility would be higher (under ownership by the hospital) but would not equal full hospital rates. The proposal would provide Rhode Island Hospital (“RIH”) with more capacity and would allow a reutilization of an existing asset. All the physicians performing surgeries would need to be credentialed at RIH. The applicant stated that this would be a financially responsible approach to volume issues at RIH. The minimum management fee was identified as \$180,000 per year to a maximum of about \$300,000. The Chair requested that the applicant provide a letter of support for this project from the Board. With regards to initiating the proposal, the applicant expects a start date of no later than September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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